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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 5-10 in their entirety without prejudice nor disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein.

Please amend claims 1 and 3 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A side door structure of a vehicle of which side openings are covered by a front door swingably supported by a door hinge located at the front of the front door and by a rear door swingably supported by a door hinge located at the rear of the rear door, said side door structure comprising:

a front door checker for holding the front door at an open position situated on the outside of but close to a swing trajectory of the rear door,

wherein said front door checker can hold the front door at multiple open positions; the front door, when held at a minimum opening position among said multiple open positions is situated on the outside of the swing trajectory of the rear door so that said rear door can be freely openable without interfering with the rear end of the front door when the front door is held at said minimum opening position.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The side door structure according to claim 1, wherein the front door checker can hold the front door at least at two open positions situated at opening angles larger than the minimum opening angle.

4. (Original) The side door structure according to claim 1, further comprising:

a rear door checker for holding the rear door at an open position situated on the outside of but close to a swing trajectory of the front door.

5.-10. (Canceled)

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